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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At about 0800 on 6 July 1955, a large number of trucks towing AT guns and 120-mm mortars left the Loewen Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz on Hamburger Chaussee and proceeded westward. German workers stated that a large number of tanks left the installation in the same direction. Additional tanks reportedly left the Flak Kaserne (2065) in Doeberitz and also proceeded toward the west. On 7 July, it was learned that maneuvers were held in the Priort-Buchow-Karpzow-Ketzin area and that some roads had been heavily damaged by tanks. The exercises terminated about 15 July. 1
2. On 15 July, 4 small new guns, presumably AT guns, were for the first time observed in the yard of Olympisches Dorf (2067) in Doeberitz. Barrels and breech mechanism were still wrapped in oiled paper. The guns were described as follows:  
  
similar to model-1937 45-mm AT guns, light construction with spoke wheels, pneumatic tires; slanting protective shield, approximately 60 cm. high, upper edge corrugated and backward bent, approximately 10 cm. wide; split-trail gun carriage, about 2 meters long, tubular trails; caliber approximately 50 mm, conical barrel, about 1.5 meters long, without muzzle brake, step approximately in the middle of barrel; apparently no cradle or pneumatic recuperator in front of the protective shield. 2
3. About 15 July, new tanks reportedly arrived in Loewen Kaserne. Soviet soldiers inspected them thoroughly. German workers were not permitted to approach the tanks. However, they stated that the tanks were of about the same size as a T-34, the turret was more to the middle and was mushroom-shaped. 3
4. Between 8 and 25 July, the Loewen and Adler Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz were occupied to capacity. About 20 July, some 400 new recruits allegedly arrived at Loewen Kaserne. Several weeks earlier, deficient quarters had been reconditioned for these recruits. Basic training started immediately. 4

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5. The following observations were made at the Dallgow- Doeberitz railroad station between 19 and 25 July:

19 July. At 1800, 8 armored personnel carriers mounting canvas-covered guns, 8 light AT guns, presumably of 45 mm, 2 field kitchens, and 12 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained. [ ] The unit had come from Loewen Kaserne. [ ]

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23 July. At 0800, 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 8x 45-mm AT guns, 3 field kitchens, some 30 trucks, and 10 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded and left for Altes Lager (8061) in Doeberitz [ ]. 5

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25 July. At about 0800, 2 canvas-covered tanks with T-34 chassis, presumably T-54s, were seen at the loading ramp, ready for detraining. [ ]

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1. [ ] Comment. Major elements of the 1st Mecz Div. apparently left for exercises in the area west of the Doeberitz training grounds, which had been utilized for major exercises of the division also in preceding years.

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2. [ ] Comment. The guns probably belonged to the 2d Light Arty Brig. According to the detailed description, recoilless AT guns, similar to SPG-82 guns, were apparently concerned. In early June, about 350 guns of this type had arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany and, about mid-June, had been forwarded to the 6th Arty Div. in Rathenow, the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig in Rostock and the 4th AT Arty Brig in Prora/Ruegen. Since it has not been observed so far, that these units or the abovementioned brigade turned in guns, the equipment of these units was presumably supplemented by these armor-piercing weapons.

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3. [ ] Comment. These were possibly T-54 tanks. An arrival of tanks about 15 July is reported for the first time. According to a new report, 7 flatcars with load exceeding standard measurements went from Brest-Litovsk to Dallgow-Doeberitz on 25 July [ ] which information to a certain extent, is confirmed by the present report. Since both observations appear credible; it can be assumed that mechanized divisions will also be equipped with T-54 tanks in the future. No other pertinent information has been received so far, however.

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4. [ ] Comment. Although the arrival of small numbers of recruits has been reported from several military posts in the zone, no pertinent observations were made at the border crossing stations. It is, therefore, assumed that the recruits had been inducted in 1954 and had possibly attended training courses.

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5. [ ] Comment. According to available information, tank and artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div. transferred to the Wittstock training grounds in 9 shipments between 13 and 20 July. The first 4 shipments returned between 20 and 24 July.

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